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Daly Ditches Irrigation District, represented by Paul Barteni, has submitted an application for removal and reconstruction of the existing diversion structure for the Daly Ditches Irrigation District located on the Bitterroot River. The Bitterroot River is a navigable waterway, portions of which require permitting from the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC). The general location is approximately 1.5 miles south of Hamilton, MT within Section 11, Township 4 North, Range 21 West. A map is located on the back of this notice.

This project requires multiple permits, including an Army Corp of Engineers 404, a Ravalli County floodplain permit, and a Bitterroot Conservation District 310 permit. A 318 permit may be required from Montana Department of Environmental Quality.

The purpose of the project is to replace the failing timber-framed diversion structure for the purposes of diverting water to holders of water rights.

The project, as proposed, will incorporate passage for both fish and humans.

The DNRC is required by the Montana Environmental Policy Act to assess potential impacts of proposed activities on state lands to the human and physical environment. Public comments on this project are being sought in order to complete that assessment.

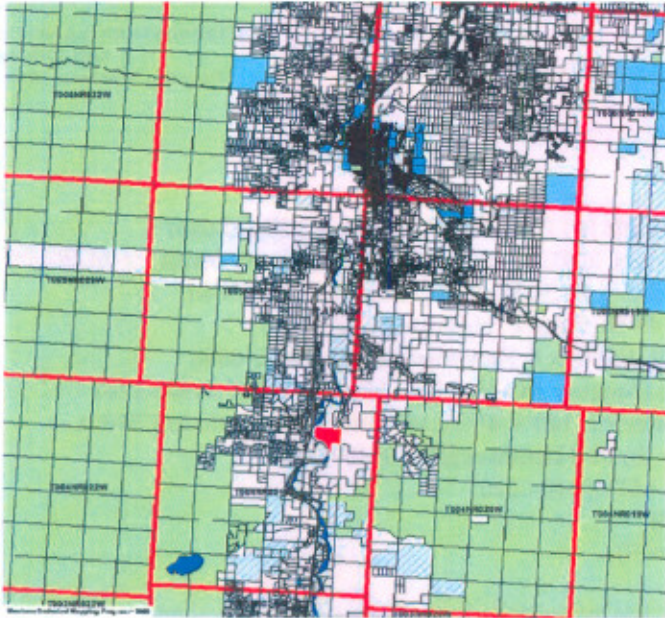
Public comment will be taken for 14 days (through September 11th, 2009). This request for public comment is also being posted on the DNRC website at http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/about_us/notices.asp

Comments may be submitted by email at dboruch@mt.gov. You may also mail written comments to SWLO-DNRC, Attn: Dana Boruch 1401 27th Avenue, Missoula MT 59804.

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Vicinity map:

Area in red shows property adjacent to proposed activity area



Activity Area map:

Photo shows Daly Ditch. Proposed replacement ditch is in same location.

